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## SIANFU SURROUNDED BY TROOPS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

### SURRENDER DEMANDED GENERALISSIMO BELIEVED TO BE IN GRAVE DANGER

INITIATIVE MAY PASS FROM CHANG TO THE  
YOUNGER REBEL LEADERS

Nanking, To-day.

It is announced that Sianfu is now completely surrounded by Government troops and aeroplanes dropped leaflets on the city yesterday calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives.

Mr. W. H. Donald, the Generalissimo's European adviser, denied that General Yang Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt against the rebels but described a dramatic interview between Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in which the former entreated the latter to accept his proposals, particularly the alliance with the Soviet against Japan. The Generalissimo, however, declared that this was impossible at the present.

### COUNTRY BEHIND CHIANG

ASSURANCES OF  
LOYALTY

EXPEDITION AGAINST  
CHANG URGED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Nanking, To-day.

All ranking military officers have sent telegrams here lauding Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission and President of the Executive Yuan, and condemning the mutiny of Marshal Chuang Hsueh-liang, according to official quarters here.

Apart from messages from the loyal followers of the Generalissimo, telegrams expressing regret over the Shensi affair were received last night from General Liu Hsiang, Pacification Commissioner of Szechuen, General Lung Yun, Pacification Commissioner of Yunnan, and General Li Chung-jen, Pacification Commissioner of Kwangsi.

Other general officers under Generalissimo Chiang are agitating for a punitive expedition against the Young Marshal, who is leading the revolt against the Generalissimo and the Nanking Government.—Union News.

### Students Denounce Rebellion

Peiping: Even the students of the North Eastern University, of which Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is the Chancellor, are against the revolt.

The Students' Association of the Law and Literature Departments have sent a cable to Nanking declaring that the Young Marshal has acted in collusion with the Red bandits and urge the Government to send a punitive expedition against him to "vindicate law and discipline."

The students have also sent a telegram to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang addressing him as "our teacher" and expressing amazement at his action and asking him to release the Generalissimo.

General Fu Tsai-yi has sent a cable to Nanking stating that the events in Sian have made no difference to his campaign and that he is pushing on against the Reds, according to plan.—Reuter.

### LADY BOWES-LYON PASSES

London, To-day: The death is reported of Lady Bowes-Lyon, wife of Sir Francis Bowes-Lyon and an aunt of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.—Reuter.

A later report states that Mr. Donald sent a cable message to the effect that extensive negotiations will be necessary to secure the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the rebels are evidently determined to exploit the possession of their valuable hostage in order to force the Government to make concessions. The danger is that the initiative may pass from Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that the general disruption of the country which would follow the death of Chiang would be favourable to their aims.—Reuter.

Canton: The safety of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was definitely confirmed after the return of his European adviser, Mr. W. H. Donald, to Loyang from Sian yesterday afternoon. It is stated that the Generalissimo is being detained in the private residence of General Yang Fu-chen, Pacification Commissioner of Shensi, and is being guarded by the bodyguards of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

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### Early Settlement Expected

Shanghai: In an exclusive telegram to Reuter, Mr. W. H. Donald, the European Adviser of the Generalissimo, expresses optimism concerning the situation in Sianfu and says that "unless unforeseen difficulties arise or obstinacy influences the situation, a settlement is likely within the next few days."

Mr. Donald reports that in his talk yesterday with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and his colleagues, he was assured that the latter have no intention whatever of harming Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Donald adds that yesterday, for the first time, the Generalissimo discussed the whole situation with the Young Marshal, who afterwards conferred with his colleagues.—Reuter.

### Generalissimo At Gen. Yang's House

Nanking: A Sianfu telegram from Mr. W. H. Donald, European adviser to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, stated last night that the latter and his colleagues are imprisoned in the home of General Yang Hu-chen, Pacification Commissioner of Shensi.

Mr. Donald added that he would leave Sianfu for Nanking this morning by aeroplane to report on his interview with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. It is not stated whether he succeeded in securing the release of the Generalissimo, while General Chang Hsueh-liang is said to have remained firm.

A later report stated that Mr. Shao Yuan-chang, a loyal supporter of the Generalissimo, died of the wounds sustained during the shooting on Saturday morning.—Union News.

### Wang Ching-wei Returning

Canton: Hearing of the capture of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek by the Young Marshal, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Central Political Council, who is on leave in Europe for medical treatment, has promised to return to China at once, so as to assist in the management of the Chinese Government with Dr. H. H. Kung, the Acting President of the Executive Yuan.

It is reliably learned that Dr. Kung has announced that the Government is carrying out its determined policy regarding the Sino-Japanese relations and the suppression of bandits, meaning the Communists, in North-western China, and the Mongol-Manchurian bandits in North China.—From Our Own Correspondent.

### Wang Leaving London To-day

Nanking: Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Foreign Affairs, who was obliged to leave his posts as a result of attempts on his life here a year ago, sent a telegram from London to Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek expressing concern over the detention of her husband.

The former official announced in the telegram that he would leave London to-day for China. Appointed as Chairman of the Central Political Council, Mr. Wang is utilising the present situation to return to the political arena. One of the bullets lodged in his back has not yet been removed, and he is still being treated by several Harley Street specialists, it is learned.—Union News.

### Japanese Government Should Be Pleased

London: The Young Marshal's treachery has perhaps saved the Japanese Government, says the Times in commenting on the situation in China. Their Chinese policy and agreement with Germany had incurred the criticism of many politicians but the opposition has momentarily been confounded.

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The latest development in the diplomatic puzzle involving Europe concerns the alliance between Germany and Italy, a union which may have far-reaching political and military results. One factor which has cooled Premier Mussolini's former friendship for France, and brought Chancellor Hitler more in favour with Il Duce, was the Franco-Soviet treaty because of the unity which Fascism has for Communism. It is not too soon to determine what effect the new alliance will have, but the creation of a solid bloc comprising Germany and Italy, together with their subservient neighbours, Austria and Hungary, is something which has given the rest of Europe real cause for thought.

### KING GEORGE TO MAINTAIN RACING ESTABLISHMENT

London, To-day: His Majesty the King will continue to maintain a racing establishment for breeding and stud purposes on the same lines as his father. He will also keep up, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

### MARKET GARDENERS ON STRIKE

Responsibility Lies  
With Dealers

Paris, To-day. Market gardeners have gone on strike but though there is a shortage of supplies of vegetables, the situation has not yet become acute. Supplies yesterday from gardeners were only 10 per cent. of the usual quantity.

The gardeners gave the reason why they went on strike—because the cost of production is higher than the price paid for the goods by market dealers.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Farmers in Algiers will discontinue their vegetable shipments to France as from to-day.—Trans-Ocean Service.

The Communist spectre alarms Japan, and Chinese opinion must be perturbed by the serious revolt in Kansu, yet it is far from certain that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang cherishes any but purely personal and predatory ambitions. He has expended a great part of the fortune with which he retired from Manchuria on a large and disorderly army, and he believes that he can extract better terms for himself and his warlords by this bold step.

Whether he succeeds or fails, his action has thrown an unpleasant light on the disquieting Chinese politics.—Reuter.

### AVIATION PLANS OF SOVIET

"We Must Have 150,000  
Airmen"

BETTER DISCIPLINE NEEDED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day. The Soviet's plans for the carrying out of a prodigious increase in their air force are already being translated into action to the maximum extent, in accordance with the resolution formulated at the recent Soviet Congress: "We must have 150,000 airmen."

A dispatch from Kiev, the Investia reveals, stated that 7½ times as many airmen will be trained in the Ukraine during the current year as compared to last year and that Ukraine has set up 11 new aero-clubs.

Lively propaganda is being developed throughout the Union including the Caucasian and Central Asiatic republics for inducing youth to join the air organisations.

A leading article in the Investia throws light upon the present state of the Soviet air armament when it states that although Russia to-day possesses the world's most powerful air force and 167 flying clubs, yet much must be done to improve the discipline and training methods in order to overcome the present extraordinarily large number of accidents, which, the newspaper says, is the outcome of too superficial training.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### PRESS SUPPORT FOR GENERALISSIMO

Canton: The Chinese Journalists' Association in Nanking has declared that all the Chinese newspapers in the country are supporting the present policy of the Central Government, objecting to the introduction of Communism, and appealing to the public to help in securing the release of the Generalissimo.—From Our Own Correspondent.

## £65,000,000 GOLD PURCHASE

FROM EQUALISATION  
FUND

REDUCTION OF FIDUCIARY NOTE  
ISSUE BY £60,000,000

London, To-day.

The City is confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchase of £65,000,000 from the Equalisation Fund and the simultaneous reduction of the fiduciary note issue by £60,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such a pressure on sterling as may be experienced through the withdrawals of French funds, and the possible resumption of the outflow of capital to Wall Street, could be counteracted by the employment of the Equalisation Fund remaining in the form of vast gold holdings.

It is pointed out that the time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm is the most opportune for re-establishing funds for freedom of action, as, after disposing of some of its gold holdings, the fund will be better equipped to arrest any undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated in the House of Commons that it has been decided temporarily to increase the amount of gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £65,000,000.

Such a step by itself would mean a sharp expansion of the credit basis, which is not justified at present. Therefore, the fiduciary issue has been reduced by £60,000,000.—Reuter.

Mr. Chamberlain said, "Such a step by itself would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit base, for which there is no justification at the present time. I have, therefore, at the request of the Bank directed a reduction of the fiduciary issue by £60,000,000 under the powers conferred by the Currency and Bank Notes Act 1928, thus limiting the expansion to small dimensions. I would add that there is no greater permanence in these arrangements than may seem desirable, since the fiduciary issue may be increased or diminished at any time in future, in accordance with the provisions of the Act named."—British Wireless Service.

### 40-HOUR WEEK IN ITALY

Compulsory Measure  
For All Industries

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Council of Ministers have now decided to institute a 40-hour working week in all fields of industry with the provision that in the cases of industries which must operate without interruption the time may be increased 42 hours.

This measure will require no special changes since it has been in force, generally, for some time past.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### TELA-VIV HARBOUR

Under Consideration  
By British Govt.

London, To-day.

Asked in the House of Commons whether the Government proposed to take any steps to provide a harbour at Tella-viv, Palestine, the Colonial Secretary said that the question is being considered by the Government in consultation with the High Commissioner for Palestine, Lt. Gen. Sir Arthur G. Wauchope, but that he was not able to make a statement at the present.—Reuter.

### INSURGENTS DRIVEN BACK AT BOADILLA

THREE ATTACKS  
LAUNCHED

FIVE-HOUR BATTLE

London, To-day.

A fierce battle, reported to have lasted over five hours yesterday, took place in the Boadilla del Monte sector, to the south-west of Madrid, leaving over 200 dead in addition to many injured in the Government lines.

The attack was one of the three launched by the insurgents, and in the Boadilla sector the Moroccan troops and German contingents, who recently arrived to take charge, were supported by aeroplanes and tanks.

It is claimed that the enemy were driven back in each instance with heavy losses.—Reuter.

### RED CASUALTY LIST

Paris: The Red losses during the last three weeks of fighting in and round Madrid is estimated to be in the region of 5,000 dead and wounded, according to the casualty list issued by the Headquarters of the Red Spanish Army, states a message to the Paris Midi from their Madrid correspondent.

### SOVIET INDIGNATION

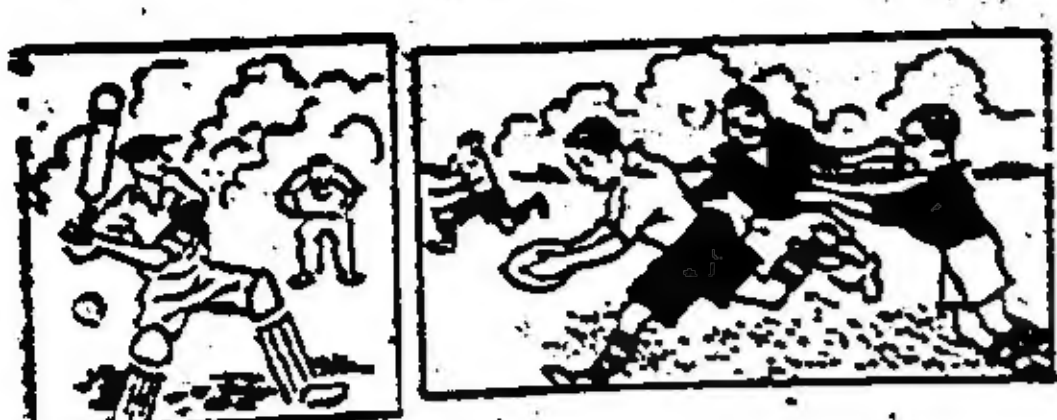
Moscow: Considerable irritation has been caused here over the holding up of Soviet ships in the Mediterranean, this being reflected in a leading article in the Pravda. Up to the present 17 ships have been stopped and searched in a manner which is alleged to be a violation of International Law, states the journal, which added that in every case the ships proved to be harmless transport vessels.

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### CABINET MEETING TO-DAY

London, To-day: The House of Commons, which will adjourn on Friday next for the Christmas recess, will meet again on January 19. The usual weekly meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-day. It is expected that the Prime Minister will afterwards go to Chequers for a few days. He will leave London next Tuesday for a fortnight's Christmas holiday in Worcesterhire.—British Wireless Service.





# Sporting Page



## SENSATIONAL MOVEMENT BY HOME SOCCER LEAGUE CLUBS

### KENT C.C.C. DISPENSE WITH 'TICH' FREEMAN

"I CAN HARDLY REALISE IT: A GREAT BLOW"

"BUT GOOD LUCK TO THE YOUNGSTERS"

London, November 21.

"TICH" FREEMAN, star slow bowler of Kent, received by the first post to-day the letter which he had dreaded — his "sacking" from the county cricket club.

It read as follows: Dear Tich, We had a committee the other day, and it was decided that it is most important to do everything we can to encourage our young bowlers. With this object in view, we decided with great regret that the time has come when we must give you notice of the termination of your engagement by the K.C.C.C.

We will continue your ground pay up to the beginning of next season, and as a special mark of appreciation in view of your exceptional services to the eleven, the Committee decided to make you a grant of £250. A cheque for this amount will be forwarded you in due course. Yours sincerely, G. De L. Hough (Secretary).

### HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION

#### Police Reserve Granted Affiliation

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Rifle Association yesterday evening at the Hong Kong Hotel the application from the Hong Kong Police Reserve (Chinese Company) to affiliate as a "unit" to the Association was also unanimously approved.

The Honorary Secretary reported that the individual full membership to date now numbered 458, while the affiliated membership exceeded 5,290.

The Council heard with the greatest satisfaction that the appeal made by the President at the first annual dinner has resulted in promises of financial support for the Clubhouse Building Fund exceeding \$1,800 in the aggregate.

It was agreed that the usual "Wapenschaw" Shoot should be held on Boxing Day, providing that the Naval Authorities could see their way to allow the Association to use the Stonecutter Range, and that the dinner which follows the shoot should now be held in the Association's Clubhouse on the Army Ranges.

Final details were decided as regards the opening of the Clubhouse to-day by Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew (wife of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding), for which ceremony, a large attendance of members and guests is expected.

### LATEST COUNTRY CLUB GOLF RESULTS

The following were the results of golf matches played at the Country Club last Sunday:

#### Junior Championship

B. East beat W. G. Williams 7 and 6.  
C. H. Suen beat J. D'Almada 7 and 5.  
A. J. Kew beat C. E. Roza-Pereira 5 and 4.  
A. G. Botelho beat S. J. Fong 4 and 3.

#### Ladies' Championship

Mrs. A. E. H. Castro beat Mrs. A. W. de Roza 5 and 3.  
Mrs. F. E. Remedios beat Mrs. L. D'Almada 5 and 4.  
Mrs. A. J. Kew beat Mrs. J. J. Basto 5 and 7.  
Miss L. G. Ahlong beat Miss O. Basto 5 and 4.

### GOLF CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held on Tuesday, December 22, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., commencing at 5.30 p.m.

### LIGHT BLUES BEATEN

London, to-day.—In the only major friendly Rugby encounter played yesterday, Edinburgh Academy beat Cambridge University by 21 points to 12.—Reuter.

### FANLING HUNT CLUB MEETINGS

The Fanling Hunt Club will be holding Race meeting on Sunday, December 20, and December 27, and on Sunday, January 3, 1937.



Donald Budge, above, is ranked only a shade below Fred Perry according to tennis experts and is next in line for the Wimbledon crown.

### FRED PERRY TO RAISE LEVEL OF PRO. TENNIS

#### Early Training For Germany

#### VON CRAMM REGRETS PERRY'S ACTION

"After considering a number of attractive offers from various sources throughout the world, I am electing to accept the contract offered by Vossell and Hunter, feeling confident that this enterprise, which is backed by a group of well-known sportsmen, will do much to raise the level of professional competitive tennis in the eyes of the public and place it on the sound basis which it deserves for the future," declared Fred Perry, the world's ranking amateur lawn tennis player, when he forsook the defence of the Davis Cup and turned professional.

Perry signed a contract with a syndicate of New York sportsmen and he will play a series of matches against William T. Tilden in the principal cities of the United States and Canada beginning on January 6 at Madison Square Garden, New York.

He receives a guarantee of \$10,000 and a percentage of the receipts that will bring him in an other \$10,000. There is also a guarantee that he will not have to play against negroes.

#### Good Backing

In the official announcement of this momentous change, two well-known tennis champions, Francis Hunter and Howard Vossell state that a syndicate of ten sportsmen is backing the enterprise.

The defection of Perry undoubtedly means the loss of the Davis Cup for Britain. Austin is rapidly approaching the time when he can no longer give of his best and there is no one to replace Perry.

The Davis Cup next year will probably be fought for by Germany, America and Australia. The Americans, if Budge does not change his stance, seem to have the best chance.

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### SUSSEX PLAYERS HELP CLUB

To help Sussex County Cricket Club improve its financial position, the players have voluntarily agreed to accept a 5 per cent. reduction in salaries. This will save £250 each year. Officials have also accepted reduced salaries. The club's overdraft is \$5,000.

### AMALGAMATION OF THIRD DIVISION

LEAGUE SECRETARY WAS KEPT IN THE DARK

PROPOSAL WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED

London, November 20.

THERE seems to be little chance of the idea to have the Northern and Southern sections of the Third Division of the Football League reconstructed into one division becoming an accomplished fact.

The idea is that clubs which are consistently run at a loss should be cut out and only the most successful clubs from the two sections retained. This would mean at least 22 clubs being forced out of first-class football. Many were the objections raised by officials of Third Division clubs with whom I discussed the proposal to-day (writes an Evening News representative).

Mr. Sam Allen, secretary of the Swindon Town Club, and one of the Southern Sections' two representatives at meetings of the League, said: "It is unworkable. Such an idea has never been discussed, and I cannot imagine it being given five minutes' discussion."

"Clubs that were forced out of the combine could shake the foundations of the League. They would have the freedom to sign players with First and Second Division clubs without paying any transfer fees. The League dare not let us out of their grip."

#### Retrieve Fortunes

Mr. Birrell, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, referring to the clubs who would be pushed out under this scheme, said: "All these clubs that are having a thin time are only waiting for that lucky break which will enable them to retrieve their lost fortunes."

"Those clubs that were left out could form a strong rival league that would be a challenge to the League, just as the old Southern League was before the Third Division was formed."

#### Two Solutions

Mr. Tom Thorne, chairman of the Millwall club and a member of the F.A. Council, said: "It is ridiculous. Those clubs that are in a bad way generally come up smiling each season. Someone has helped them out. And who is to say that they shall be expelled?"

Mr. A. Thomson, manager of the Northern section club, Halifax Town, who, by reason of their good gates, might be expected to be one of the clubs retained under this scheme, was just as critical.

Mr. Thomson thinks the solution of the problem lies in the adoption of the four up and four down promotion and relegation idea.

#### Another Suggestion

Mr. Allen, of Swindon, was also ready with another suggestion for the salvation of the struggling clubs. He wants to see them all exempted until the big round of the F.A. Cup with all the First and Second Division clubs.

Mr. Fred Howarth, the League Secretary, said: "I know nothing of it. It has never been discussed at any meeting which I have attended, and I have never heard of the suggestion."

Mr. Morton F. Cadman, member of the League Management Committee, said: "I have not heard of such a scheme. I was at a meeting of the Management Committee this week and nothing was said about it there."

### Billiards Championships Now Being Organised

In view of last year's success, Junior Championship free of charge, the second annual championships of the Hong Kong Amateur Billiards Association are now being organised.

Entry forms have already been sent out to the public and the various clubs which are interested. They are reminded that the entries close on December 26, 1936.

Individuals joining the Association pay \$3 a year, which entitles them to join either the Senior or Junior Championship.



Fus. Rowlands, left, the Army custodian, and E. Forrow, right, the Club centre-half, are two players who may secure Interport honours against St. Agatha next February.

### SENORITA LIZANA'S WIN OVER DOROTHY ROUND

AFTER LOSING THE FIRST SET IN TORQUAY FINAL

London, November 21.

SENORITA Anita Lizana proved her superiority over England's No. 1 player, Miss D. E. Round, by beating her for the second time this season in the women's singles final of the Palace Hotel covered courts tournament at Torquay. The Senorita won a thrilling match full of good tennis 8-10, 6-1, 6-1.

The superiority of Lizana's game was apparent at the start. She played effortlessly, her delicate touch contrasting with the beautifully produced yet laborious style of Miss Round.

#### Excellent Tennis

Playing excellent tennis all round the court but scoring principally with a speedy, well-controlled drive from the back-hand straight down the line, Lizana ran away to a 5-2 lead in the first set. Then she lapsed.

Miss Round crept up to lead 6-5, losing only four points in the four games.

#### Miss Round Shines

It was here that Miss Round played her best tennis. She drove deep and accurately and clinched her advantage with sound net work. In a ding-dong battle she led all the way before taking the set at 10-8.

Afterwards the Chilean reasserted her early supremacy. With consummate control over her shots she took the second set with a run of five games and the third with a run of six after she had lost the first.

Few players in the world could have beaten Senorita Lizana on the form she showed to-day.

### THREE FAVOURITES FOR F.A. CUP

Sunderland Leading In The Betting

BUT MY CHOICE AGAINST FIELD IS BRENTFORD

(By FRANK COLES)

London, November 20. It is a far cry to the Cup Final, yet a week from now all the clubs in the Third Division of the League will be fighting for the right to reach the third round of the competition proper—and the hope of being drawn against Arsenal or another of the big guns.

My thoughts turn to the Cup because in front of me lies a list of odds that are offered against finding the winner.

Arsenal, the holders, are naturally one of the favourites. You can have 12 to 1 against their chance. And the same odds may be obtained against Huddersfield and Derby County.

#### The Betting

Sunderland, still waiting to win the trophy for the first time, are 14 to 1; Portsmouth, the present League leaders, are 16 to 1; as are Brentford.

Then follow half a dozen at 20 to 1, among them Aston Villa, six times Cup winners, and their neighbours, West Bromwich Albion.

If I were forced to name one team against the field, at this moment, my vote would go to Brentford.



Baron Gottfried von Cramm, above, regrets the fact that Perry had turned professional as he will now be unable to beat the former world amateur champion.

### WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

#### Lai Wah Cup Replay Next Sunday

The following are the League Football fixtures for the week-end:—

FIRST DIVISION	
Eastern	SOUTH CHINA "B"
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)	
Fusiliers	RIFLES
(Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.)	
St. Joseph's	CLUB
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Eastern	SOUTH CHINA "A"
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)	
Club	FUSILIERS
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)	
RIFLES	Kowloon
(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.)	
East Lancers	NAVY
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)	
K. Chinese	STONE CUTTERS
(King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)	
THIRD DIVISION	
EAST LANCERS	ORDNANCE
(Chatham, 2.30 p.m.)	
St. Joseph's	KWONG WAH
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)	
Air Force	EUROPEAN POLICE
(Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)	
Military	H.V. 2.30 p.m.
Kamnan Rifles	RECREIO
(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)	
FUSILIERS	Liga
(Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)	
SUNDAY	
CORPS	Medicals
(Happy Valley, 4.00 p.m.)	
LAI WAH CUP COMPETITION	
SEMI-FINAL REPLAY	
Army	COMBINED
(Causeway Bay, 3.15 p.m.)	



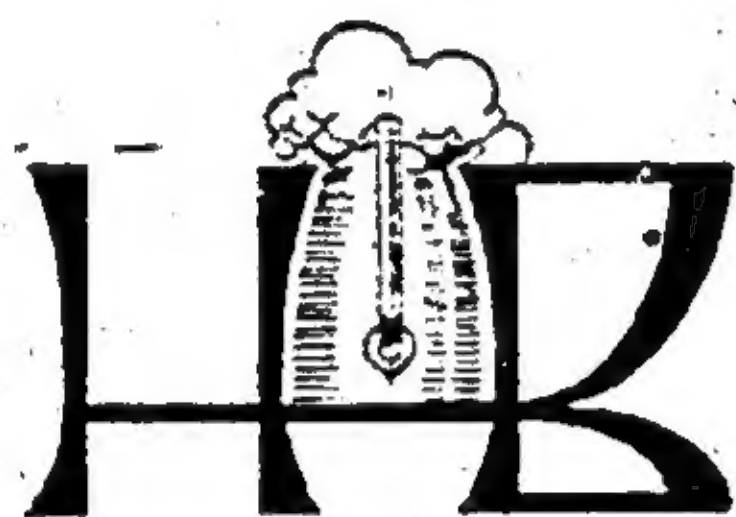
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## ANOTHER BEN FOORD-JACK PETERSEN BOUT?

### MELJI RUGBY TEAMS VISIT TO SHANGHAI

Interport Match For  
Christmas Day

MARINES NOT AS STRONG  
TO-DAY AS HITHERTO

Shanghai, December 10.  
Definite plans were made yesterday for the forthcoming Melji Rugby series. The champion collegiate Rugby team of Japan is due to arrive here on December 14 on the Suwa Maru and will play its first game at the Canidrome on the morning of Sunday, December 20, at 11 o'clock.

The second match, which will be against Shanghai and for the Interport Shield, is to be held at the Canidrome on the afternoon of December 25, while the final match against Shanghai will be played on the morning of Sunday, December 27.

Just who will face the Japanese (Continued at Foot of Next Col.)



London, November 19.—Mr. Sydney Hulls, the Harringay promoter said that Neusel would definitely fight Max Baer, above, at Harringay in February. He declared that there would be no difficulties with the Home Office authorities over two foreigners being the principals.

## WELSHMAN'S RIGHT TO CHALLENGE

### NEUSEL CONTENDER FOR WORLD TITLE

BUT MUST BEAT MAX BAER FIRST

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, November 20.

DISCUSSION of future matches for Walter Neusel and Ben Foord, following the points victory of the former over Foord at Harringay on Wednesday, went on throughout yesterday. Neusel will be matched with Max Baer, the former heavy-weight champion of the world, at Harringay next February, if Home Office permission is obtained for these two foreigners to meet in England.

Ben Foord has abandoned his projected visit to America. He will probably box in London within the next six weeks. No opponent has been arranged, but his natural rival is undoubtedly Jack Petersen, the former champion, whom Foord beat at Leicester last August.

Despite his poor form in that fight, Petersen has an outstanding claim to challenge for the British title. He is only 25, and his failure at Leicester was inexplicable. He ought to be able to recapture his former speed, punch, and most important of all, his confidence.

It is a fight London would pay to see. Petersen can provide drama, whether winning or losing. In his first fight with Walter Neusel the Welshman nearly won by the knockout in the second round and again in the ninth.

In Running Again

Petersen also has a victory over Foord to his credit—he outclassed him when they first met at the Albert Hall in March, 1934. Foord has improved, but I believe the Petersen of 1934 would beat him again.

Can Petersen "come back"? Or is it a fact that the punishment he received in his two defeats by Neusel robbed him for all time of his confidence and stamina? I think Petersen and Foord will be matched.

Neusel and his manager are jubilant. To them the prospect of a match with Baer means the possibility of another chance at the world's title. Neusel has been badly beaten by Max Schmeling, but his manager said yesterday that if Neusel beats Baer he will fight Joe Louis in Chicago next summer.

Crowley's Challenge

Dave Crowley, having outpointed Harry Mizler on Wednesday, yesterday challenged Jimmy Walsh, the British light-weight champion.

The Board of Control will probably require Crowley first to repeat his win over Mizler under championship conditions — 15 rounds at 9st 9lb.

### FRED PERRY TO RAISE LEVEL OF PRO. TENNIS

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Donald Budge, is according to some of the shrewdest judges in the game, only a shade behind Perry.

Von Cramm's Regrets

Barron von Cramm regrets Perry's joining the professional ranks. "This is a great pity because it robs me of an opportunity to beat Fred," said von Cramm. "Of course I can understand his step. He must think of his future; he could not remain world champion forever."

"Beginning next month," said the German ace "we shall begin our training so that we may win the Davis Cup for Germany next year."

No Blame

Jean Borotra said "No one will blame Perry. Everyone will miss him at Wimbledon, but we must try and see his viewpoint. He has done his best for his country and kept the Davis Cup for Britain for four years."

Jack Crawford, now that Perry has given up amateur tennis, thinks that Australia's chances of winning the Davis Cup are equal to America's and better than Germany's.

### WEMBLEY PITCH IS RETURNED FOR CUP FINAL

Big Transformation  
Now In Progress

TURF BROUGHT FROM  
HERTFORDSHIRE

London, November 21.

Wembley Stadium to-day encloses a large, green rectangle of Hertfordshire grass, where a month ago was a dull expanse of cinders. The speedy season ended in October, Mr. Jack Fowler, who has transformed the arena from speedway track to Cup Final football pitch, each year since 1923, thus had some six months in which to produce a perfect grass surface.

Mr. Fowler told me that the operations this year had entailed the removal and cartage of about 700 tons of cinders, and the laying of over 5,000 large turves. Explaining his system he said:

"I first set a small army of men, most of them unemployed, to the job of clearing the loose cinders which cover the ground to a depth of about two feet. The firm cinders underneath are then compressed by heavy rollers."

Turfing Gang

"While this work is in progress I order the turf, which is sent up freshly cut each morning from Hertfordshire in motor lorries. The 'turfing gang' then follows the rollers."

"The turf we use is specially grown at a grass nursery near Bishops Cleeve. It is guaranteed free from disease, and is bred for long life and resiliency."

"The whole pitch will be turfed by the end of this week. I shall then leave it to 'knit,' probably until the end of January, when we shall begin to 'doctor' and cut it in preparation for the Cup Final in May."

### TRIANGULAR TOURNEY

Army Not At Full  
Strength

The army will be without Sapper Howlett in goal, Sapper Brown at right-half, Bandman Cox at right-back and Khan Bahadur at left back to-day in their Triangular Hockey Tournament (second round) match against the Club on the H. K. S. R. A. Marina ground at 4.30 p.m.

The following will be the team: Cpt. Boyd (R.U.R.); Rmn. Lopez (R.U.R.); Kishan Singh (R.E.S.R.A.); L/Cpl. Moore (R.U.R.); Capt. Stapleton (Kumaon Rifles), Alid Dir (Punjabis); Lieut. Robinson (East Lancs.); Lieut. Carthwaite (R.A.); Smt. Patank (Kumaon Rifles); L/Nalk Narain Singh (Kumaon Rifles); and Lal Singh (Punjabis).

### LAW ON SOCCER FREE KICKS UNDER FIRE

F.A. Must Take Action  
Immediately

CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS  
ON ACTUAL RULING

There is growing discontent in the football world both among players and officials about the procedure adopted when free kicks are taken. Some referees allow the kick to be taken promptly, giving the requisite signal as soon as they have blown the whistle for an infringement; others wait until the players have taken up their positions before allowing the ball to be set in motion.

The instructions to referees given by the F.A. on this point is confusing. It says that referees have a duty to see that free kicks are taken as quickly as possible but not before he has given a signal, the usual one being blowing a whistle. It also says that it is unfair to delay the kick.

Retaken

In some matches the referee has not allowed the kick to be taken before he has run into position to note what is happening. A player has kicked the ball from the proper place, but the game has been stopped and the kick retaken.

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In the initial encounter will be made known only after this Sunday. Although the Marines were due to have been pitted against the Japanese there has been a movement made for the fielding of an all-star local team, excluding the Interporters.

This suggestion has been made in some circles because of reports that the Marines are not as strong as in the last few years. However, the final choice will be made after the performance of the Marines this Sunday when they will be tested by a strong Shanghai team.

### HAROLD LARWOOD IN INDIA

May Play For Europeans In  
Quadrangular Tourney

Bombay, November 20.—"I am delighted to be in India once again, and am keenly looking forward to doing my best for Indian cricket," said Harold Larwood, the England and Nottinghamshire cricketer, when he arrived here to-day.

Larwood, who is in India to act as coach at the invitation of the Indian Cricket Board of Control, added that if the Maharaja of Patiala permitted, he would play for the European side in the quadrangular tournament.

It is such an important point that the F.A. should issue immediately definite instruction telling referees in plain words that a free kick must not be taken until the whistle has been blown.

Examples Given

Chelsea lost a point to Derby County because Sammy Crooks placed the ball quickly, slipped it to Nichols, and it was in the net before the Chelsea defence had summed up the situation. There are referees who would have ordered this kick to be retaken.

There is another point to the matter. If a player sees an opponent is going to take a freekick before his defenders have got back to their places, he is liable either to kick the ball away or prevent the kick from being taken by standing in front of the ball.

Some players would yield to the temptation. Then the referee, according to the recent memorandum issued by the F.A., would have to caution him for ungentlemanly conduct. Yet the player by his action would have rendered his side a service.

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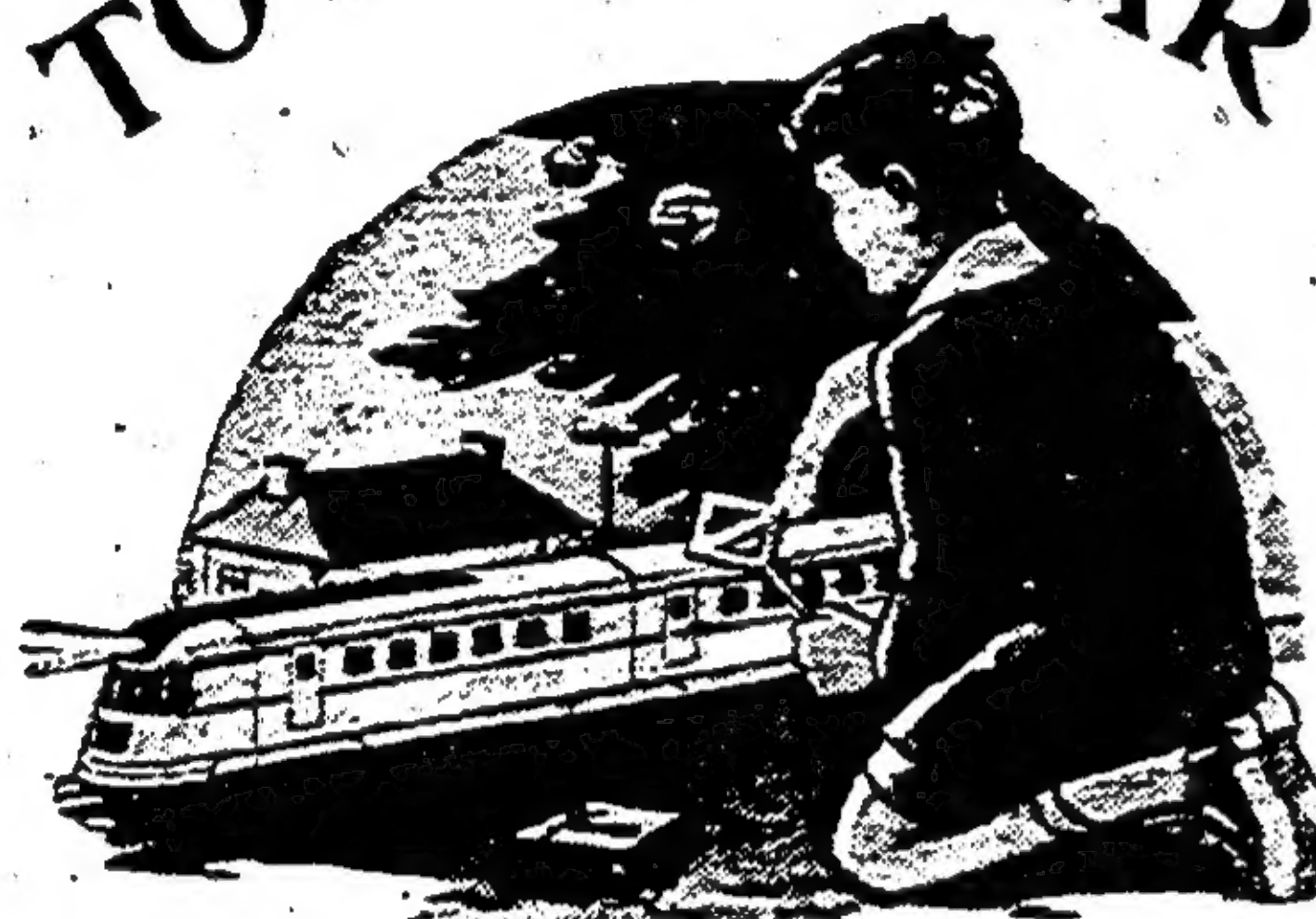
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## Gaps In Man-Power

Next Spring, after a twelve-month of intensive Territorial recruiting, Britain's citizen army will, it is hoped, have gained some 40,000 recruits. Compared with the 23,000 men recruited for the Territorials in 1935-6, the estimated new intake of man-power gives grounds for some satisfaction, but this satisfaction is qualified by the fact which Lord Strathcona emphasised in the House of Lords last month that not 40,000 but 86,000 men are required this recruiting year to bring the Territorial Army up to establishment. The restoration of privileges, financial and otherwise, which had been "cut" during the period of stringency, is to be followed by the grant of certain further amenities—among them the free provision of a walking-out uniform. But the remarkable change in the rate of recruiting already achieved has not been dependent simply or, indeed, mainly upon restored bounties and allowances.

What has sent up the figures for Territorial recruiting more than anything else is a change in public opinion. The Territorials' friends and employers have realised that a force on which now rests the sole responsibility for the coastal and anti-aircraft defences of Britain, in case of war, is not merely a hobby for the military-minded but a duty to the performance of which every encouragement should be given. But it remains a matter of regret that many public authorities, under Socialist control still continue, despite the consent given by the Socialist party to the principle of rearmament, to obstruct the least provocative of all methods of rearming—the filling of gaps in the citizen army. Meanwhile the small regular army of professional soldiers which is maintained is faced by a deficiency in numbers which is growing and not declining. Full warning has been given that the voluntary system of enlistment for the regular army is in grave danger. Army service can be made far more attractive; the granting of the blue walking-out uniforms free to men in the ranks, as promised recently by Mr. Duff Cooper, instead of simply allowing units to purchase them, is a sign that more attention is being given to the economic position of serving men. But it is at least equally important to convince the man in the ranks that he will gain a reasonable economic footing when he returns to civilian life.

## OBITUARY

Old China Hand  
Passes

A China hand of twenty years' experience in the person of Mr. Harry Burns passed away at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon after five weeks' illness.

The late Mr. Burns was Chief Engineer of the Steamship "Shun Chi," belonging to the Wo Fat-sing Company. He hailed from Melbourne, where he has many relatives, but for the last 20 years he has been engaged on coastal shipping in the Far East. Aged 46 years, he was unmarried, but had a large circle of friends in this Colony by reason of his association with the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Football Club. Among his friends he had the reputation of being one of the finest engineers on the Coast.

## THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY

Bill Discussed In  
Commons

DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE

London, To-day.—The financial resolution, which is a prelude to the Government's Livestock Industry Bill, which will be one of the first measures to be considered by Parliament after the Christmas recess, was discussed in the House of Commons last evening.

The purpose of the Bill is described as to provide for the development and better organisation of industry and connected industries, for paying a subsidy to the producers of fat cattle, for regulating the imports of livestock and meat, and for the holding of markets and slaughtering of livestock.

The resolution imposes, as from to-day, an import duty of three farthings per pound on chilled meat, of two-thirds of a penny on other beef and veal, and 20 per cent. *ad valorem* on boned and boneless and edible offals, excluding sweetbreads and canned goods. Empire products are exempted. A duty of 20 per cent is also imposed on canned goods and of 10 per cent on extracts and essences wholly derived from beef or veal, and certain other classes. Mr. W. S. Morrison, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, described the resolution as the outcome of long and difficult negotiations with the Argentine, and stated that the duties were expected to raise over £3,000,000 per annum—British Wireless Service.

RESOLUTIONS CARRIED  
London: The House of Commons carried, by 205 votes to 123 and 213 to 123 respectively, the two resolutions imposing a duty of three farthings on every pound of foreign meat and 10 to 20 per cent on foreign canned meat.

Capt. D. Euan Wallace, in replying for the Government after the debate, said that if they had tried to insist on a higher duty, there probably would not have been any agreement with the Argentine. He reminded the House that the Dominions had free entry and added that the duty was high enough to give the Dominions adequate preference but not high enough to be a serious burden on the consumer.—Reuter.

FOREIGN CURRENCY LAWS  
IN GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.—Those persons who are still in possession of foreign currencies and who have failed to declare same, as required by the new German currency law, will be given another chance to comply with the regulations and escape punishment if they offer the foreign currencies in question to the Reichsbank before January 31, 1937. The German Government made a recommendation to the Commissioner for the Four-Year Plan, Premier Goering, who passed an amnesty law to this effect yesterday. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NO YUGOSLAV LOAN FROM  
FRANCE

Belgrade, To-day.—It is officially denied here that Yugoslavia intends to raise a loan of 1,000,000 francs in France for the purpose of armament, as has been generally asserted in the foreign press in connection with the trade agreement just concluded between France and Yugoslavia. — Trans-Ocean Service.

The C.N.A.C. plane Kwangtung arrived from Shanghai yesterday afternoon carrying three passengers: Miss Sylvia Peckick and Miss A. Friedrick from Shanghai and Mr. Lin T-hsin from Swatow. The C.N.A.C. plane Fukien, which left here yesterday for Shanghai, carried three passengers for Shanghai. They were Messrs. Stanley Lee, Kiang Yung and J. A. Mitchell.

of the finest engineers on the Coast.

During the War Mr. Burns served in the Royal Navy and saw service at Port Said. On one occasion his ship was torpedoed and he boasted the distinction of being the last person to leave it. The funeral will pass the monument at 5 p.m. this afternoon.

TOBACCO AUCTIONS  
IN AFRICANEW SALES METHODS  
INTRODUCEDINNOVATION PROVES HIGHLY  
SUCCESSFUL

AUGUST 28, 1936, saw the close of the selling season for the 1936 Southern Rhodesia tobacco crop.

This seemingly prosaic statement causes one to wonder why the subject bears mention at all until it is learnt that for the first time in the history of Africa the annual tobacco crop has been sold by auction—a worthy system imported from the United States of America.

In spite of the fact that this is the first time such a completely new method of handling the sale of such a commodity as tobacco has been tried, the results of the sales are ample proof of the success of the venture—a venture, one might say, which was viewed with grave misgiving by many interested in the industry.

Coupled with the actual new method of disposal, is the effect of legislation established in an attempt to guard against the ever-present risk of production in excess of demand resulting in a flooded market and stagnation.

## Drastic Changes

This legislation, being a most important and integral part of the industry, bears mention in full as a natural prelude to the description of auction sales.

The drastic changes effected can be appreciated by a description of the present system of selling by auction.

In the first place it was found more expedient to cease referring to growers by name and in place to resort to numbers, every grower then being allotted a registered number.

A grower sending in a consignment of tobacco to the auction warehouse marks all his bales with this number. These bales are then passed through the scale room, one at a time, where they are weighed. In the scale room are two men making the requisite entries. The first man notes the number on the bale and its weight

and marks these particulars on a ticket. The second man has duplicate sheets on which he also notes these figures.

## Stage Set

The bale is then removed with the ticket attached and placed a line on the auction floor. All bales are treated in this way and placed end to end on the floor in long lines with a space of about three feet between the lines, and are then opened up and the tobacco displayed. The stage is then set for the sale to commence.

The buyers line up on one side of the first row of tobacco and the auctioneer, the up-set-price man and the ticket marker on the other. The up-set-price man is a tobacco expert and is able to tell at a glance the quality of the tobacco and the price value. This price he then calls as a starting bid and the buyers may then commence bidding from this price of a greater or lesser one as they deem fit.

Immediately a bale is sold the ticket marker notes the purchaser, the price paid and the grade mark called by the buyer on the ticket attached to the bale. By grade mark is meant the mark which the buyer wishes to be shown on the bale for his own reference.

## Amazing Rapidity

By this procedure bale after bale is sold with amazing rapidity—an average selling rate of 450 to 500 bales an hour is not uncommon.

The duplicate sheets, one termed a buyers' sheet and the other a sellers' sheet, partially completed by the man in the scale room, are handed to two clerks, called calculating clerks, who proceed up the lines as the tobacco is sold and note on their sheets the further particulars on the bale tickets, namely, the buyer, the price

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SITUATION IN  
SUIYUANFirst Hand Information  
For Colony

## HELP FOR REFUGEES

Dr. D. W. Edwards, Regional Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in North China, who was in Hong Kong yesterday, is the first to bring first-hand information on war conditions in Suiyuan Province. With a party of four other Y.M.C.A. workers, Dr. Edwards had made a visit to that war-torn Province to ascertain the form of assistance that could be usefully extended to refugees.

Speaking at a luncheon at the St. Francis Hotel yesterday, Dr. Edwards stated that Suiyuan would have interested a visitor from Hong Kong. The Inner Mongolians, who inhabit it mostly, were well-set and, from having accustomed themselves to riding almost from birth, were experts in the saddle.

His observations during the recent visit led him to believe that the rebels now fighting the Chinese Government forces were led by non-Chinese officers supported by certain renegades, but with Wong Ying, son of a former General in the Chinese Army, officially directing the fighting.

Movement Not Spontaneous  
Originally, the rebels did not number more than 2,000, but their strength is being added to from day to day by Manchukuoan reinforcements to that extent where to continue to speak of the autonomous movement as being spontaneous was ridiculous.

A gratifying detail, said Dr. Edwards for all Chinese is the knowledge that the Provincial troops were being strongly backed by Central Government troops, the strength of whose second line of defence, running through Ping Tei-chuen, had yet to be felt by the enemy. Granted that the situation would not be further complicated by open military intervention on a much larger scale, Dr. Edwards believed the Suiyuanese, under their very able leader, General Foo Chok-yu, were fully capable of holding their own.

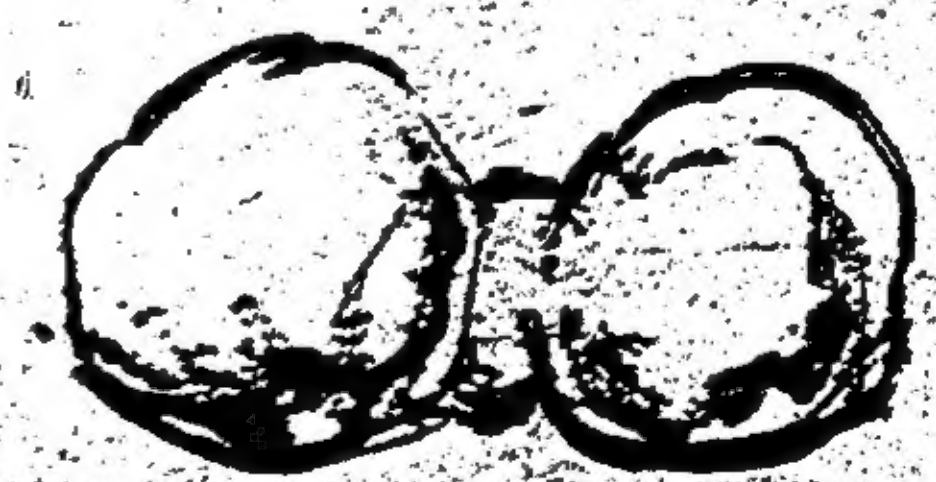
## FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Serge Petrovich Maklezo, professor of Music, and Miss Lidia Aleksandrovna Savadskis, both of No. 28, Carnarvon Road, Kowloon.

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## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Two cases of diphtheria and two of enteric fever were reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

A total of 17 cases of diphtheria (nine deaths), three of enteric fever (one death), one of puerperal fever and 58 deaths from tuberculosis were reported during the week ended on December 12.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia leaves Hong Kong for Manila at 8 p.m. to-day and is due to arrive in that port on Friday. She leaves Manila again on Sunday morning for Hong Kong and is due here at 5 p.m. on Monday. She will leave again on Wednesday for Vancouver, via ports.

The Muslim community in Hong Kong to-day celebrates *Id-ul-Fitr*, the festival marking the close of Ramadan, the fasting month. A special service was held at the Mosque, Shelley Street, this morning, almost the entire Muslim community attending.

The Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group will meet in the West Lounge next Sunday at 9 p.m. when the Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck will give a talk on "Christianity in the Church."

It is announced that the Y.M.C.A.'s weekly Servicemen's whist drive, originally arranged for next Monday, has been cancelled.

The European Y.M.C.A. announces that a Carol Service will be held in the West Lounge on Sunday, December 27, commencing at 9 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada left Vancouver last Saturday and is due here on January 1.

The ss. Santhia left Kobe last Friday and is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The R.M.A. Dorado arrived from Penang yesterday with one passenger, Mr. Seybold. No freight was carried, though there were 248.771 kilos of mail matter on the plane.

Many who have attended the very enjoyable dances organised by the committee of St. Andrew's Club, may be unaware that their really big function of the year, the annual Christmas carnival dance, is due to take place to-morrow evening at the Church Hall. Tickets, costing \$1.50, which includes refreshments, are obtainable from members.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, gifts by the following firms to the recent sale of work: Messrs. Loxley and Co., Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co., Ltd., Crawford, Ltd., Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., the Gloucester Hotel, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Arts and Crafts, Ltd., Colonial Dispensary, Sincere Co., Ltd., Wing On Co., Ltd., Asia Co., China Emporium; also to Messdames Alabaster, Craynell and Keen for assistance rendered, to all who generously contributed to the various stalls, and to the Press, European and Chinese, for appreciated publicity.

The Kowloon Junior School are holding a play at St. Andrew's Church Hall this evening commencing at 5 p.m.

The Christmas number of the St. John's Review has just been published and a number of very interesting articles are included in it. There is also some notes on the recent dysentery epidemic.

Colonel J. L. Sleeman, Chief Commissioner Overseas of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, left London recently on the Narkunda, for an extensive inspectional tour on behalf of the Order of St. John in India, Burma, Ceylon, Singapore and Hong Kong. Colonel Sleeman reached Bombay on December 12, will be in Ceylon on February 26, 1937, Singapore on March 3, and Hong Kong on March 18.

Among the latest appointments to the Colonial Service is that of Miss D. H. Stockford to be Nursing Sister, Hong Kong.

Members of the Warrant Officers' and Senior N.C.O.'s Mess of the Royal Engineers are holding a New Year Dance on December 31 in the Garrison Lecture Hall.

There will be Tombola in the R.A. Sergeants' Station Mess, Gun Club Hill, Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Sunday, December 20, commencing at 9 p.m.

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association at St. Joseph's College on December 17 at 5.15 p.m. Dr. Hargreaves will lecture on "The Aims and Functions of a Medical Service to Schools."

At the annual prize-giving at the French Convent School at Causeway Bay, the pupils staged an operetta, "The Wishing Cap," which was very successful. Parents who did not see it have asked that it be done again and this has been arranged. The show will be given at the School on Friday, December 18, at 5 p.m. A charge of \$1 is being made for the Convent charities.

The usual Tombola will not be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Friday, 18th instant, but will be continued in the usual manner on Saturday, 19th instant. Owing to Christmas and Boxing Days falling on Friday and Saturday of next week, no Tombola will be run in the Garrison Lecture Hall.

The Royal Observatory reports that 0.01 inch of rain fell during the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, making the total since January 1, 69.51 inches, against an average of 84.61 inches.

The Civil Service Cricket Club is holding its annual prize-giving and Children's Christmas Tree on December 26 for members and their children. Tea will be served at 3.30 p.m. and the presentation of prizes and toys from the Christmas Tree will take place at 5 p.m.

The St. John Ambulance Association has issued an illustrated pamphlet appealing for funds for the "Tiny Tims" in their hospitals in the New Territories. Donations may be sent to the Brigade Headquarters in Tai Hang.

## MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

Shamshui Market Quarrel

BUTCHER FACES GRAVE CHARGE

Charged with the manslaughter of Chan Wai, a 30-year-old Chinese butcher named Man Kwai appeared before His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, Supreme Court this morning.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. A. D. Humphreys (Foreman), Cheng Fan, R. A. Campos, C. A. Gaan, A. M. G. Philpotts, A. M. Rumpfah and V. Olofinisky.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown, and the accused was not legally represented.

In outlining the facts of the case, Mr. Williams, said that the incident occurred after 10 a.m. on November 5 last, at Shamshui Market. The accused was one of the foks at Stall No. 57, which had been divided into two stalls, namely the Tin Shian Stall and the Cheung Shing Stall, the accused belonging to the latter.

Tried To Borrow Saw It was a custom among the meat dealers to borrow knives from their neighbours when the necessity arose. On November 5 last, shortly after 10 a.m., when most of the stall-holders were having their morning meal, Chan Po, of Stall No. 47, which is situated opposite the stall in which the accused was working, went to stall No. 57, and in the usual manner asked for the loan of the meat saw and took it. The accused, who apparently wanted to use the saw, resented this action, so Chan Po returned the saw. Accused abused Chan Po who replied in a similar manner. Deceased, who was having his meal in Stall No. 47, heard what was going on, so he placed his bowl on the table and went over to see what was the matter. Deceased told Chan Po to go and have his meal, and tapping the accused on the back, added that if accused did not want to lend the saw it was all right.

Four Witnesses Mr. Williams continued that Chan Po will say that accused dropped the knife with which he was cutting beef, picked up a smaller knife and, swinging round, stabbed the deceased and then ran away. A 12-year-old Chinese girl would also say that the accused swung round and stabbed the deceased.

There would also be two more witnesses, Man Wai and Lee Tong, who will state that they saw the deceased go up to the accused and strike him two blows, but they will not be able to say that they saw the accused stab the deceased.

Dr. Henry will also be called to give evidence. The case is proceeding.

## GARDNER AGAIN IN COURT

Fraudulent Conversion Alleged

Joseph Charles Gardner, who appeared before His Honour, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, yesterday morning, at the Criminal Sessions charged with fraudulently converting to his own use certain sums of money on divers dates, the property of the Union Insurance Society Ltd., and who was discharged following a plea of *autrefois convict* by his counsel, Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro Jr. appeared before Mr. W. Schofield this morning charged with the fraudulent conversion, on January 5, 1935, of \$31, entrusted to him for the purchase of revenue stamps by the Company.

The case was formally remanded for a week and, in asking for the remand, Chief Detective-Inspector J. Murphy asked His Honour to note in the deposition sheet that the case was for commitment. When the question of bail was raised, Inspector Murphy objected, saying that other charges similar to this one might be preferred. Bail was thereupon not granted.

Defendant was represented by Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro Jr.

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## Final Retreat

By Royal Ulster Rifles Band

The Band and Bugles, of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles, will play Retreat to-morrow on Murray Parade ground, commencing at 5.15 p.m. This will be the last appearance of the Band and Bugles on this ground.

The programme is as follows:—

1. Band and Bugles "Les Poilus"
2. Band "Officer of the Day"
3. Bugles "With Durns"
4. Band "Regimental March of the 'Connaught Rangers'"
5. Bugles "Austria"
6. Band "Irish Airs"
7. Band and Bugles "Royal South Downs"
8. God Save The King.

## SIANFU SURROUNDED

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When the revolting marshal went to see the Generalissimo with Mr. Donald, he asked the latter to accept his demands regarding the declaration of war against Japan and the reorganisation of the present government, but the Generalissimo told him to offer his proposals to the Central Government for consideration, adding that he himself was not the one to accept any such demands under the present conditions.

It is learned that Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the National Economic Commission, will fly to Sian to-day to interview the revolting marshal and negotiate for the release of the Generalissimo.

## CHANG'S DEMANDS

Semi-official reports state that the revolting marshal recently cabled to General Ho Shing-chuan, Director of the Generalissimo's Hankow Headquarters, to the effect that he is willing to modify his demands provided that there will be no punishment meted out to himself, while a guarantee to preserve his troops and that the Central Government will take effective measures for resisting the foreign aggression and recovering the four North-eastern provinces would be needed.

It is learned that the Russian Government denies that it has any alliance with the revolting marshal.

## LANCHOW RECAPTURED

Telegraphic communications between Nanking and Sian were resumed yesterday, and it is officially confirmed that General Wu Chung-nan, a divisional commander of the Generalissimo's own troops, recaptured Lanchow, the capital of Kansu Province, and that the mutinous troops there surrendered. — From Our Own Correspondent.

## Veterans Ready To Intervene

Shanghai: While a Japanese report stated yesterday afternoon that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his colleagues were killed on Saturday morning during a fight with the troops of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang at the hot-spring resort near Sianfu, the many telegrams sent by public bodies and high officials to Marshal Chang asking for the release of the Generalissimo indicate that he is still alive somewhere in Shensi.

Several Kuomintang veterans such as Ku Cheng, Yu Yu-jen, — Union News.

## Ball-Room Proprietor Sued

Judgment in the sum of \$55 was this morning awarded to Maximiano Antonio Beltrao, of No. 15 Ngau Chan Road, in his claim against Charles Gray, Seidman, proprietor of the Cathay and Majestic Ball-rooms, and Gray Brothers, contractors, when the third hearing of their case came before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, Puisse Judge, at the Supreme Court.

At the previous hearing, Mr. M. A. de Silva, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, consented to judgment for the sum, after \$55 and cost of the writ.

## MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Lorry Driver Sent To Gaol

JURY ONLY TAKE TEN MINUTES TO DECIDE

Found guilty of the manslaughter of a 50-year-old Chinese woman, Cheung Sut, a lorry driver named Wong Ping-ching, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions at the Supreme Court this morning.

The jury, Messrs. R. J. Shrigley (Foreman), Chung Man, Chung Chee-ling, Kwan Heung-chuen, J. F. Robinson, F. M. Silva, and A. Krilovsky, who were empanelled yesterday when the accused pleaded not guilty, retired for only 10 minutes and then returned a verdict of guilty.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, conducted the case for the Crown.

On being recalled with regard to the suggestion put forward by Tong Heung, an eye witness to the tragedy, that the deceased fell face downwards on the road and then rolled into the ditch, feet first, Dr. G. H. Henry, stated this morning, that the deceased had two sharp cuts on her back, and that these cuts were more consistent with the impact of the lorry than with having been thrown in the ditch.

## "Forgot To Tell"

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams, the accused said that the rear part of the lorry struck the pole which the deceased had been carrying on her shoulder, thus causing her to fall into the ditch. Asked why he did not make the same statement after he had been arrested, the accused replied "I forgot to tell." The accused then identified the statement which he made to Sergeant Scrim, and admitted that he had stated "My front right mudguard struck the front basket, which the woman was carrying, and she fell among the bushes."

Tong Kwong, who was one of the men on the lorry when the incident occurred, stated that the deceased was walking almost in the centre of the road. An iron pole on the lorry touched the pole she had on her shoulder and sent her into the ditch.

After the verdict was given by the jury, His Lordship stated that he would take into consideration that the accused immediately stopped his lorry after the incident occurred, and that he also rendered help in getting the deceased to the police station, besides reporting the matter to the police.

The accused's driving record showed that he started driving since June 1933, during which year he committed two offences—negligent driving and dangerous driving.

Chou Lou and others are ready to proceed to Sianfu to plead with Marshal Chang for the release of his "prisoner."

Other imprisoned officials include General Wei Lieh-nan, officer commanding to Nanking troops in Anhui and Kiangsu; General Chiang Ting-wen, Pacification Commissioner of Fukien; Mr. Chiang Tuo-pin, Minister of the Interior; General Chen Cheng, Vice-Minister of War; Colonel Mr. Pang-cho, commandant of the Nanking air force; and General Chien Ta-chun, A. D. C. to Generalissimo Chiang. General Chien is reported to have been killed while resisting General Chang Hsueh-liang's troops, but this report has not yet been officially confirmed.

All these officers are trusted supporters of the Generalissimo. — Union News.

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1st Race. Nanchang Handicap.—(First Section) Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

2nd Race. Wen Chang Handicap.—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race since 1st September, 1936. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

3rd Race. Lok Chang Handicap.—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club. Winners of three or more races during 1936, barred. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

4th Race. Nanchang Handicap.—(Second Section) Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" classes at date of

entry and Subscription Ponies of this Club. Jockey allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

5th Race. Wuchang Handicap.—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$50. For China Ponies, Subscription Ponies of this Club that have not won a race at race meetings of this Club since 1st September, 1936. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

6th Race. Ladies Dash (Unofficial). Winner \$50. Second \$30. Third \$20. A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider. Souvenirs will also be presented to the 2nd & 3rd Placed Riders. A Handicap for China Ponies, the bona fide property of the Hong Kong Riding School. To be ridden by Members of the School. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$3. Half a Mile.

All ponies entered will be transported free on Friday or Saturday, January 8 or 9, 1937, from Hong Kong to Macau and shipped back on Monday, January 11, 1937. No charge will be made for keep while there during this period.

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#### Christmas Party At St. Andrew's

The members of the Mothers' Union of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, were hosts yesterday afternoon at an annual Christmas party given for members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's Cathedral.

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Higgs, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke presided at the party, which opened at three o'clock with the playing of many entertaining games and competitions.

Music was provided by Mrs. Kirke and Miss B. Kirke and Mrs. Stevenson entertained with monologues.

A splendid tea with multi-coloured crackers was provided by Mrs. Gardiner, manageress of Harbour View Hotel. Following tea, Mrs. Kirke announced that the Mothers' Union intend sending a little present with their congratulations to Mrs. Higgs on the birth of a son.

### TOBACCO AUCTIONS IN AFRICA

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paid and the grade mark in regard to each bale. They then calculate in pence the total realisation of every bale sold. When each sheet is completed it is sent into the office where invoice clerks are preparing, the buyers' accounts and two further clerks are preparing the buyers' accounts and two further clerks are preparing the cheques for the sellers.

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It is deserving to say now that great appreciation is due to both buyers, growers and staff for the great spirit shown in rendering wholehearted co-operation in making the scheme, the unqualified success it has been.

### Amusements

#### Cinema Notes From The Theatres

#### "LITTLE MISS MARKER"— MAJESTIC THEATRE

Damon Runyon's never-to-be-forgotten Colliers' story about the hard guys and the diamond-crusted ladies of Broadway and the little five-year-old girl who took them all over the jumps—full of breezy dialogue, loveable and looney characters, laughs and just enough tears, come to life in "Little Miss Marker."

Directed by Alexander Hall, the film features Adolphe Menjou who earns praise for a suave and faultless performance; delectable Dorothy Dell, one of Paramount's newest young stars; Charles Bickford and that diminutive almost inexpressible perfect little girl, Shirley Temple.

In the supporting cast are Lynne Overman, who makes his first Hollywood appearance in this picture, Frank McGlynn, Sr., Jack Sheehan, Gary Owen, Tammany Young, Sam Hardy and Warren Hymer.

William R. Lipman, Sam Hellman and Gladys Lehman adapted the original to the screen. B. P. Schulberg produced the picture for Paramount.

#### "BACK TO NATURE"— ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Merrily rolling along on a vacation on wheels, the happy-scrappy Jones Family fill the wide open spaces with fun and hilarity in their latest and best Twentieth Century-Fox hit, "Back to Nature."

Featuring Jed Prouty, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Syring Byington, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, the picture is a hilarious narrative of the Jones' vacation which they take on the open road in an automobile trailer.

The film opens with Dad Jones beamingly announcing to his family that he is going to Tranquil Lake while they spend their vacation at a backwoods farm. At the concerted roar of protest which greets this announcement, Dad gives in weekly and agrees to buy a new automobile trailer and take the whole family to the convention.

En route, the Joneses go through a merry series of adventures and escapades, climaxed when Bonnie Jones is rescued from a bear cub by Tom Williams. Williams visits with the Joneses a short time, and then goes on his way, promising to meet Bonnie later at Tranquil Lake.

Arriving at the site of the convention, the Joneses park their trailer and pitch camp. The kids all have a grand time, especially Jack Jones who has met his sweetheart, Dixie Dunbar, and Bonnie, who is being escorted by the debonaire Williams.

#### "FLASH GORDON"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Settings so fantastic that they startle the imagination form the background for the Universal film offering, "Flash Gordon," with Buster Crabbe in the title role.

All the fascination of the mythical planet of Mongo, created by Alex Raymond in his newspaper strip, is emphasized in this new production, which Frederick Stephani directed. Jean Rogers, Charles Middleton and Priscilla Lawson have important roles.

A city suspended in the sky, a kingdom held below the sea, a rocket ship that shoots through space and rays that melt huge steel structures provided technical problems for the studio experts.

Strange costumes and weird make-up, which produce realistic shark-men, hawk-men and. Hommen, were evolved after weeks of planning and experiment. On the screen, the result, is both awe-inspiring and grotesque.

Packed with action and suspense in every vital moment, this screen achievement contains situations which have never been attempted before in motion pictures.

Watch Buster Crabbe struggle against the terrible emperor who plots to rule the universe with scientific cunning.

See a whole city suspended in the sky by mysterious powerful rays. See a palace held at the bottom of the sea, controlled by a strange, magnetic power.



The Persian influence is shown in this fringed wool tunic worn by Ray Francis, Warner Bros. star. The full sleeves are in one piece with the crossed neckline and her pill box hat is trimmed with a heavy cluster of fringe.

#### "THE LAW IN HER HANDS"— ORIENTAL THEATRE

With Margaret Lindsay and Glenda Farrell teamed as a pair of young women lawyers, "The Law in Her Hands" is gay with fun and vivid with swift and dramatic action.

The picture literally starts with a bang when a racketeer hurls a bomb into a restaurant where the two feminine lawyers are being photographed at luncheon by a news cameraman. This starts their career for they squash the gangster's alibi by producing the photograph which shows him just behind the two girls.

Their cleverness catches the attention of the boss racketeer who offers them a huge retainer to handle his business for him. The girls refuse until Warren Hall, who has the role of an assistant district attorney, and the lover of Miss Lindsay, makes the mistake of having her appointed to defend a criminal from whom he already has obtained a confession.

Furious at being framed, the woman lawyers first win their case, and then decide to fight tricks with tricks. They accept the offer of the racketeer to handle his cases, and become famous as criminal lawyers, winning cases by tricks, not only clever, but hilariously funny.

#### "ROMEO AND JULIET"— KING'S THEATRE

In "Romeo and Juliet" new heights in cinema artistry have been achieved in the picturization of Shakespeare's immortal love story. It is one of the most important contributions to the screen since the inception of talking pictures—a glorious triumph for Producer Irving G. Thalberg. Director George Cukor, the starring combination of Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard, and all others concerned in the making of the picture.

Miss Shearer rises to new heights and importance through the qualities she brings to the role of Juliet. Howard's reading of the famous lines in his Romeo role is inspiring. In addition to the splendid work of these two stars, the picture is loaded with outstanding performances, particularly the work of John Barrymore, Enda May Oliver, and Andy Devine in the lighter moments.

Cukor's direction is most praiseworthy for his guidance of the tender love scenes, and highlights of the picture include Mercutio's death scene, Romeo's first meeting with Juliet, their balcony scene, their marriage and the night before their doom.

#### "WHERE'S GEORGE?"— STAR THEATRE

Sydney Howard, working as he does with a team of expert gagsmen, is in his methods the British counterpart to Harold Lloyd. This fact receives further confirmation in his latest comedy "Where's George?" Like the American he makes the

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Following a meeting with Hong Kong Directors at the house of the President, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, on Monday evening, Dr. Fong Sec gave an address at the weekly luncheon yesterday and the afternoon was occupied by further business meetings concluding with an informal dinner at the Hong Kong Hotel.

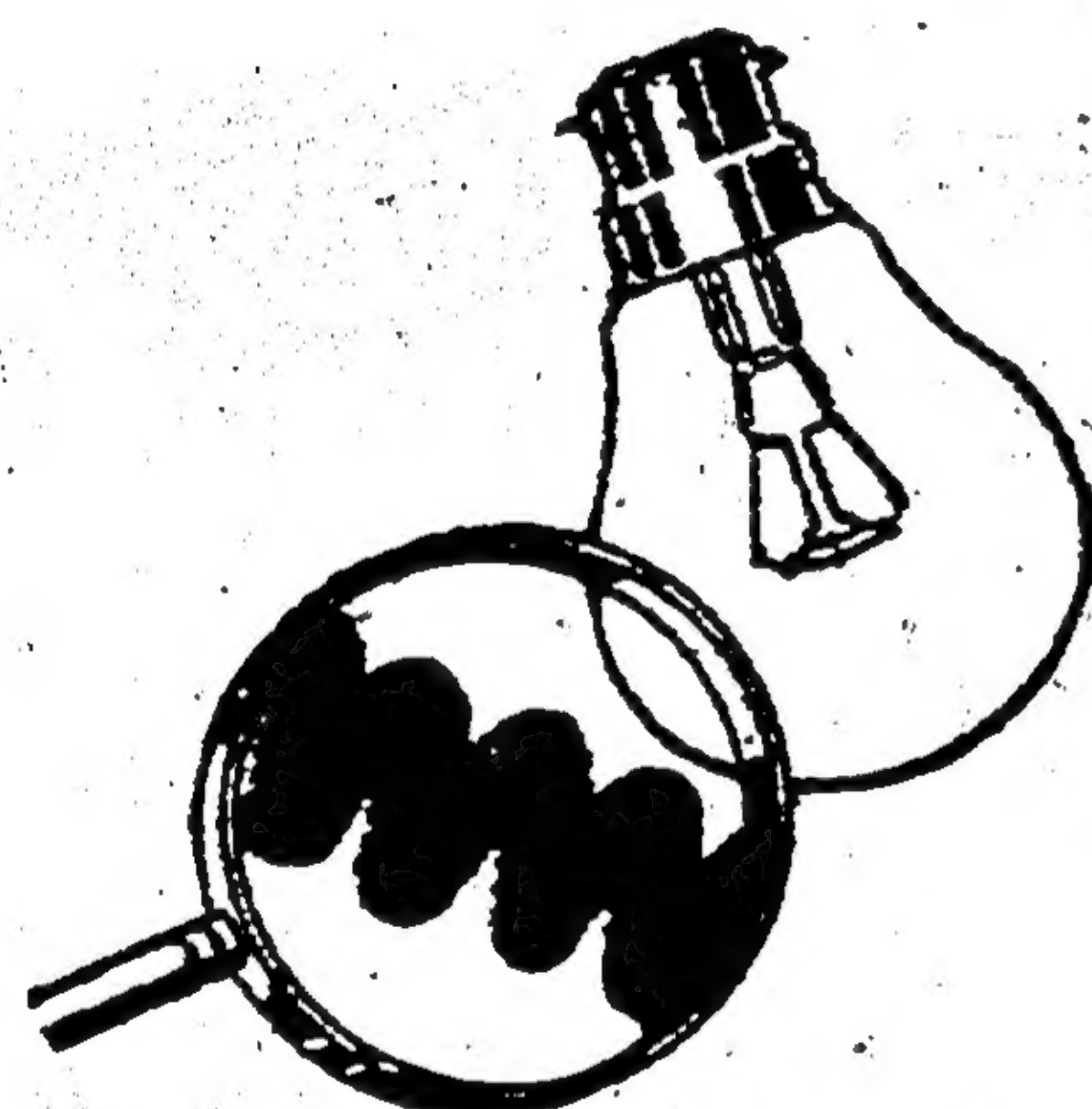
The luncheon was presided over by Mr. Tam, who welcomed the following guests: Dr. Fong Sec, Mr. T. C. Pan, President of the Swatow Rotary Club; Mr. B. C. Baker, Vice-President, Mr. Davis S. H. Chang, Secretary, Mr. S. H. Pang, Chairman of the Community Service Committee, all of the Swatow Rotary Club; Mr. Peter S. T. Shih of the Nanking Rotary Club; Mr. J. W. Henry, Past President, Mr. T. F. Wei and Mr. J. J. Ehrhardt, all of the Canton Rotary Club.

perfect victim of the gag. His humour is that of the worthy but dull-witted fellow who is always a target for misfortune, and his best comic touches come from his bewildered reaction to what is hitting him.

There are plenty of amusing examples in "Where's George?" in which he plays his funniest role as a not so mighty blacksmith suffering trials and tribulations at the hands of a nagging wife and jeering brother-in-law.

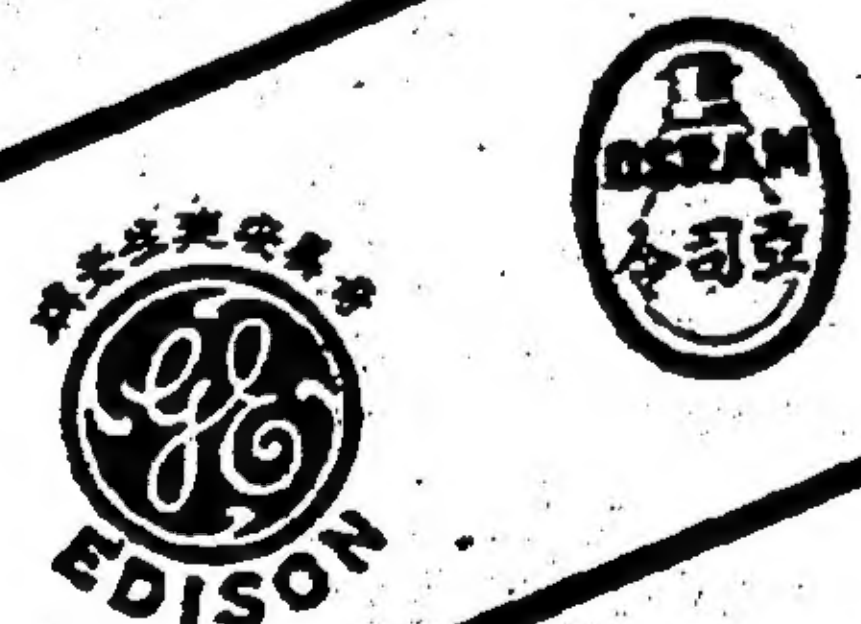
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## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following was the list of  
local share quotations issued  
to-day.

## Banks

H.K. Bank \$1810 b.  
H.K. (Lon. Reg.) \$108½ n.  
Chartered Bank \$15½ n.  
Mercantile Bank A. and B.  
\$33¼ n.  
Mergantile Bank C. \$14½ n.  
Bank of East Asia \$83 n.

## Insurance

Canton Ins. \$300 n.  
Union Ins. \$612½ b.  
China Underwriters \$1 n.  
H.K. Fire Ins. \$305 n.  
International Assoc. Sh. \$3¼ n.

## Shipping

Douglases \$30 n.  
H.K. Steamboats \$740 n.  
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$35 n.  
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$35 n.  
Shells (Bearer) 124¼ n.  
Union Waterboats \$10½ n.

## Docks, etc.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$106½ n.  
H.K. and W. Docks \$13½ n.  
Providents (Old) \$1¼ n.  
Providents (New) 20 cts. n.  
New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.  
Shanghai Docks Sh. \$30 b.

## Mining

Kailan Mining Ad. 14/6 n.  
Rauha \$1810 b.  
Venz. Goldfield \$8 b.  
Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H.K. and S. Hotels \$5½ b.  
H.K. Lands \$35 sa.

## H.K. 4% Debentures \$105 n.

Shanghai Lands Sh. \$13 n.  
Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.  
Humphreys \$3½ n.  
H.K. Realities \$4.50 n.  
Chinese Estates \$73 n.  
China Realities Sh. \$4 n.  
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

## PHILIPPINE MINING

Closing Rates Sales Local in P. Currency

Antamoks .....325  
Atoks .....36  
Bague Gold .....21½  
Baltic Mining .....14½  
Benguet Consol. ....13½  
Benguet Explor. ....14  
Big Wedge .....27  
Consolidated Mines .....03 05/05½  
Demonstrations .....55 106  
Ipo Gold .....22  
L. X. L. ....130  
Masbate Consol. ....36  
Hogons .....120  
Northern Mining .....13  
Paracale Gums .....45  
Salacot Mining .....210  
San Mariano .....34½  
Savoy Consol. ....105  
United Paracale .....105

## Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$1210 b. \$12.15

Peak Trams (old) 6½ n.  
Peak Trams (new) 2½ n.  
Star Ferries \$93 b.  
Yau-mat Ferries \$25 n.  
C. Light (Old) \$1270 b.  
\$1260/70 sa.

C. Lights (New) \$10¼ n.  
H.K. Electric \$53½ b. \$54 sa.  
Macao Electric \$20 n.  
Sandakan Lights \$10 b.  
Telephones (Old) \$28.15 n.  
Telephones (New) \$10 n.  
China Buses Sh. \$1¼ n.  
Singapore Traction 27/- n.  
Singapore Pref. 27/- n.

## Industries

Cald. Mag. (Ord.) Sh. \$19½ n.  
Cald. Mag. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.  
Canton Ice \$220 n.

## COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have  
been received by Reuters:

Prev. Yesterday  
Closing Closing

## New York Cotton:

December .....12.55  
January .....12.47  
March .....12.44  
May .....12.32  
July .....12.20  
October .....11.82  
Spot .....13.03  
New York Rubber:

December .....19.10a  
March .....19.21  
May .....19.14  
July .....19.07  
September .....19.05a  
Chicago Wheat:

December .....135  
May .....129½b  
July .....117½b  
Chicago Corn:

December .....109½  
May .....103½  
July .....100½  
Chicago Corn:

New Contracts New Contracts  
Opening Closing

May .....106 104½  
July .....102½ 101  
Winnipeg Wheat:

December .....115½ 120½b  
May .....117 121½b

LOCAL DOLLAR  
DECLINES

## Silver Prices Fall

The local dollar has declined  
opening on demand this morning  
at 1/2 13/16.

"Spot" silver fell 1/16 to 21-  
5/16, while "forward" also dropped  
1/16 to 21-5/16.

The London on New York cross-  
rate was unchanged at \$-U.S. \$4-  
90%, while the New York on Lon-  
don cross-rate was quoted at \$-  
U.S. \$4.90%, as compared with \$-  
U.S. \$4.90-9/16.

## EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.—Exchequer  
Returns just issued show that the  
total ordinary revenue amounts to  
£414,617,493 as compared with  
£411,460,690 at the corresponding  
date of last year. The total ordi-  
nary expenditure is £550,440,206 as  
compared with £525,208,924 at the  
corresponding date of 1935.—British  
Wireless Service.

## RAW RUBBER

## Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co.  
have received the following  
quotations from Singapore in  
Straits currency for Raw Rubber:

Buyers  
Spot .....33-3/8 Up 1-1/8  
Jan/Mar .....33-1/2 Up 1-1/8  
Apr/June .....33-1/2 Up 1  
July/Sept. ....33-1/2 Up 1-1/8  
Market: Firm.

## Cements \$11 n.

H.K. Ropes \$2½ n.  
Stores, etc.  
Dairy Farms \$20 sa.  
Watsons \$4.85 n.  
Lane, Crawford's \$6¼ n.  
Sinceres \$3 n.  
Wing On (H.K.) \$50 n.

## Cotton Mills

Ewo Cotton Sh. \$13.70 n.  
Shanghai Cotton (Old) Sh. \$85  
b.  
Shanghai Cotton (New) Sh. \$60  
b.

Zoong Sings Sh. \$26 n.  
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$36 n.

## Miscellaneous

Entertainments \$3 n.  
Constructions (Old) \$1¼ n.  
Constructions (New) 4¼ cts. n.  
Vibro Piling \$5½ n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G.S. Eds.  
93¾ n.  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prem.  
b.  
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 3%  
prem. b.  
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

THE RUBBER  
OUTLOOKMeteoric Rise  
In Prices

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS AHEAD

The following is a report on the  
rubber market by Messrs. H. B.  
Joseph and Company—

Since the announcement of the  
last International Rubber Restriction  
Committee, the price of rub-  
ber has appreciated fully 1-1/4d  
per lb., and this meteoric rise must  
have aroused quite a pleasant sur-  
prise to those directly or indirect-  
ly connected with this vast in-  
dustry.

It is not a trifle assuming that  
to some who have in mind that  
rubber is being produced at an  
all-in-cost of 4d per lb., 9d seems  
to be an over-remunerated figure.  
Against this argument it has to  
be remembered that this commodi-  
ty at one time in 1925 fetched  
4s. 3d in London, and the cost to  
produce them was in the neigh-  
bourhood of 9d per lb. for most  
estates; consequently, one can  
safely say that price depends on  
the age-old law of supply and de-  
mand.

## "Unknown Quantity"

It will be recalled that the  
scheme was enforced in the second  
half of 1934, and the countries  
under the signatory Governments  
during the six months ending De-  
cember 1934 exported 417,000 tons.  
A very important factor to be re-  
membered relative to this period  
was that fully 70,000 tons both  
wet and dry in the Restriction  
Areas were shipped out. The  
N.E.I. Plantations have always  
been dreaded as an unknown  
quantity regarding capacity for  
production. This idea should be  
amended, and if anything, there  
exists a possibility that she will  
experience difficulty in keeping to  
her quota figures, as the following  
figures indicate.—In the second  
half of 1934 with even a huge  
stock held up in the plantation she  
exported only 149,000 tons. In  
the next six months she was allo-  
ted 182,000 tons and remembering  
that she will at least have 13,000  
tons carried over from rights from  
the current year, she should be  
satisfied with an exportable of  
195,000 tons for the period.

On the contrary, it will not be  
surprising if she does object to  
any further increase at the next  
meeting.

## The Consuming Aspects

The U.S.A. consumed 524,000  
tons for the eleven months of the  
current year and indications point  
to a year figure of 570,000 tons.  
The rest of the world did not come  
up to expectations and the most  
we can anticipate is a figure equal  
to that of 1934, namely 440,000  
tons, totalling 1,010,000 tons with  
permissible exports of 850,000  
tons plus 5,300 carried over rights  
from 1934. With a 70 per cent.  
quota the world figure for 1937  
will be at 970,000 with a possible  
carry over of 20,000 tons totalling  
990,000 tons. With likelihood of  
the revival of world trade to pro-  
ceed for many years ahead, one  
cannot be too optimistic to esti-  
mate consumption for 1937 for the  
U.S.A. at 580,000 tons and the rest  
of the world at 490,000—totalling  
1,070,000 tons. Thus even with  
another increase of five per cent.  
the world production can only  
hope for 990,000 tons plus 62,000  
totalling 1,052,000 tons for 1937.

Then, as in the case of tin, it is  
most probable that if production  
shall not come up to anything like  
the figure allotted we shall see an-  
other heavy inroad into the al-  
ready depleted stocks with subse-  
quent much higher levels for the  
price of the commodity. Sum-  
marising it, the opinion of most  
dealers in Mincing Lane is that  
rubber purchases at 9d for any  
period will from all prevailing  
reasons point to fruitful results.

## World Rubber Situation

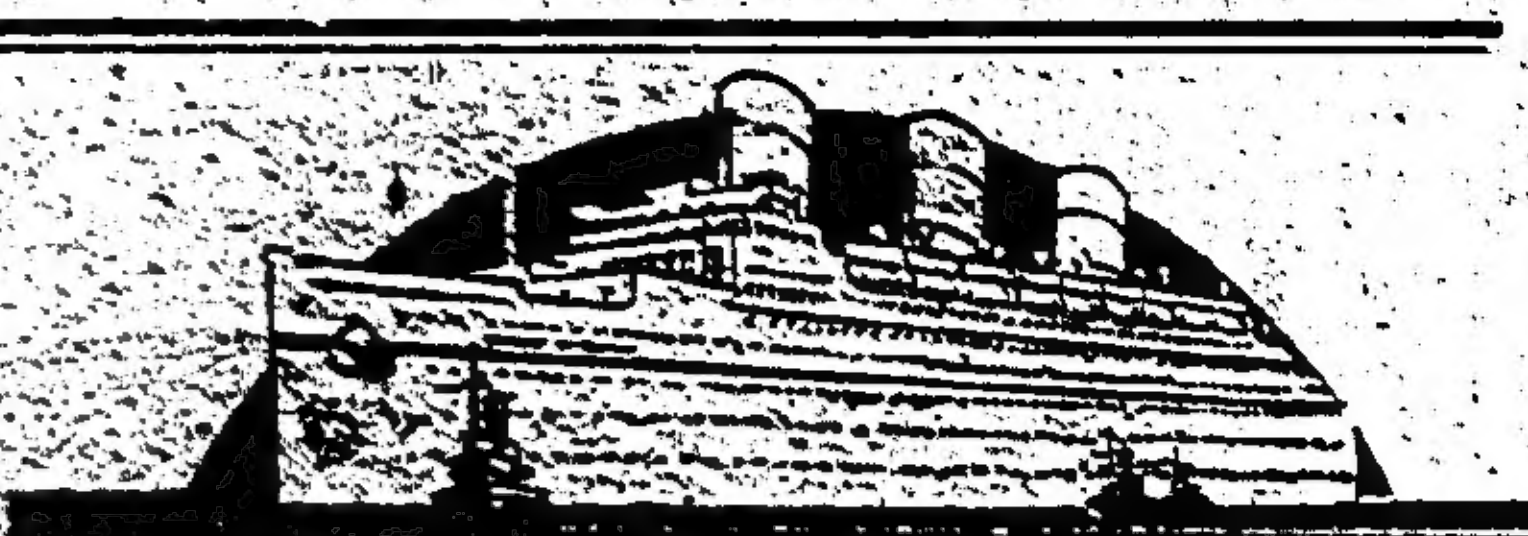
London, To-day.—The Interna-  
tional Rubber Restriction Com-  
mittee announcement was accorded  
about one of the quietest re-  
ceptions ever experienced in the  
rubber market here, prices sub-  
sequently easing slightly and then  
steadying up.

It is generally considered that  
what strength the market gained  
on the 75 per cent January-March  
production or round about it was  
lost on the 80 per cent production  
from April to June, and owing to  
this swing it is consequently very  
difficult to take up any particular  
view regarding the future course

of the market, which is expected  
to remain steady for the near  
future.

Though the decision releases  
about 39,000 tons for the first  
quarter, and 55,000 for the second  
more than at the present, it is  
generally held that consumption  
is running as well, especially in  
the United States, that it is most  
unlikely to be overtaken by pro-  
duction.

Nevertheless, the decision prob-  
ably means the appearance of  
backwardation of forwards while  
spot is being so tightly held—  
Reuters.



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## New York Share Market

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## "CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

France's financial situation and  
the issue of the new national de-  
fence loan were dealt with by the  
Finance Minister, M. Vincent Au-  
riol, at the meeting of the  
French Cabinet.

According to the *Intransigeant*,  
the loan will be opened for sub-  
scription to-morrow and will re-  
main open until the end of Jan-  
uary.

The new defence loan will be  
issued in denominations of 100  
francs, repayable at 140 francs.  
Specially advantageous terms will  
be accorded those subscribers who  
pay in gold or in those short-term  
treasury bonds that were issued  
prior to the devaluation of the  
franc.—Trans-Ocean Service.

## WAR DEBT TO U.S.

France Unable To Pay  
Installment

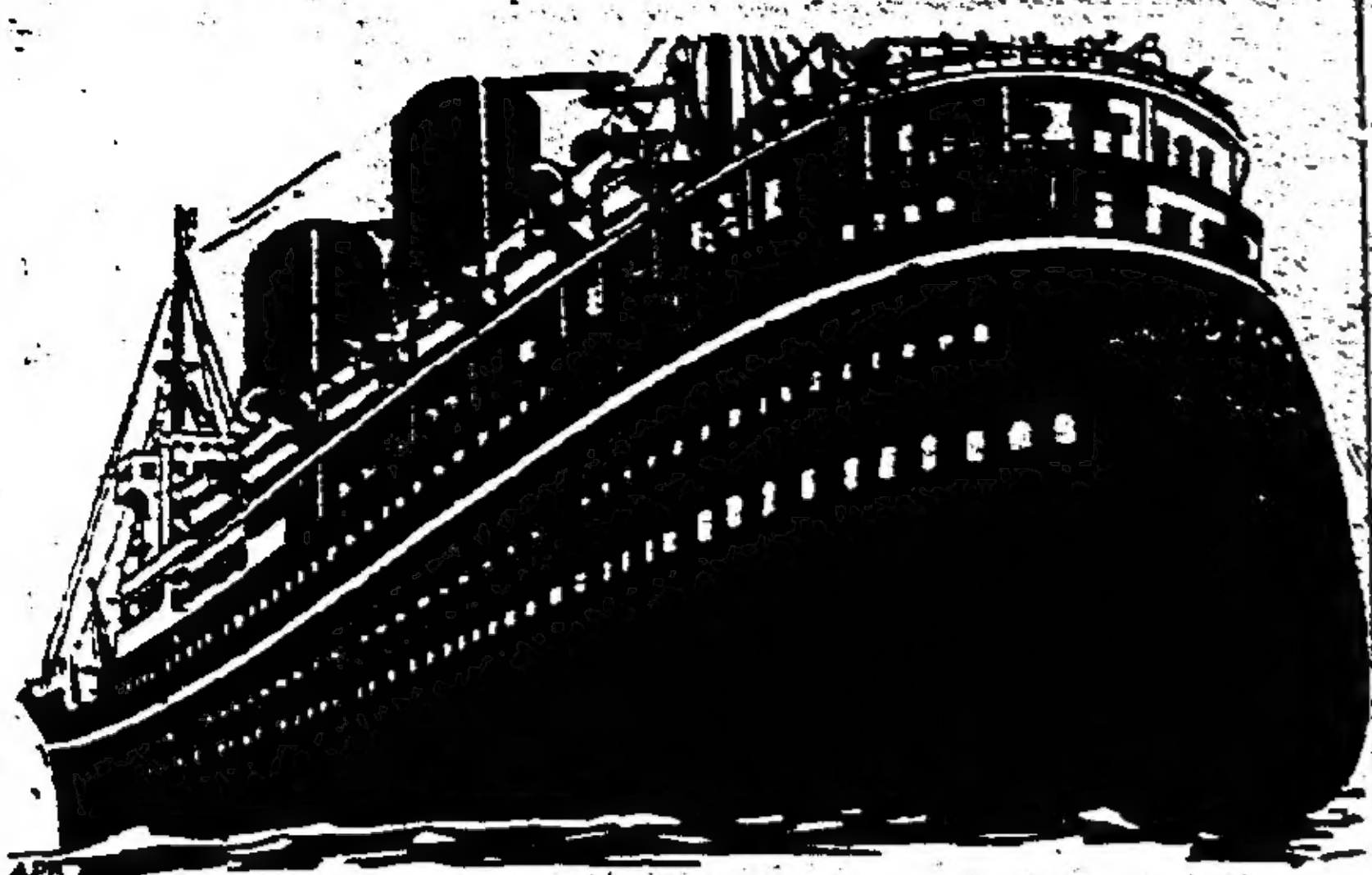
Paris, To-day.

The French Government has  
sent a note to the United States  
intimating that France is unable  
to pay her installment of her war  
debt which is due at the begin-  
ning of the year.

The note added, however, that  
negotiations might be resumed  
shortly regarding future pay-  
ments.—Reuters's Bulletin Service.

It was reported yesterday that  
Italy had also defaulted.





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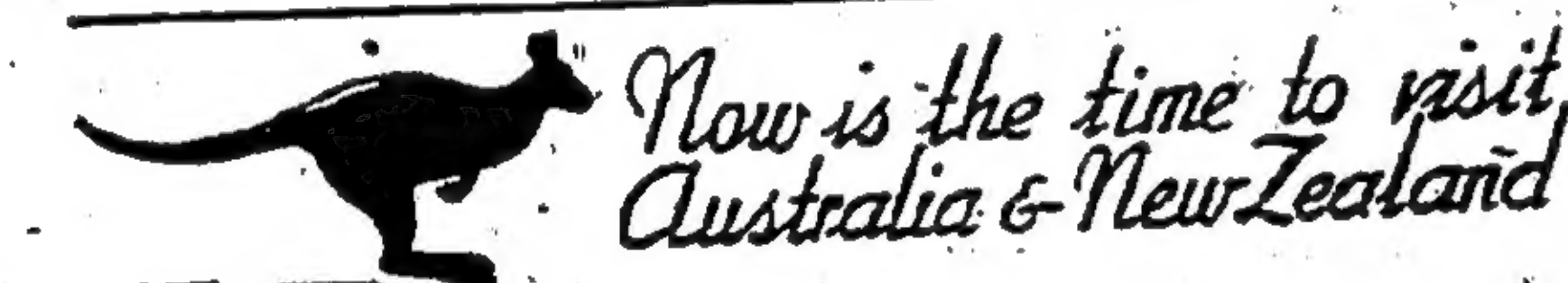
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*COMORIN	15,000	26th Dec.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*ALIPORE	5,000	27th Dec.	Bombay & Karachi.
*SOMALI	7,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	9th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*RANPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	6th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*CORFU	14,500	20th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	27th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Hull.
*NALDERA	16,000	6th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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all vessels may call at Malta.

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TALAMBA	8,000	2nd Jan.	
TALMA	10,000	15th Jan.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	30th Jan.	
SHIRALA	8,000	18th Feb.	



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NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	
TANDA	7,000	5th Mar.	

### SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

TALMA	10,000	24th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	25th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
BANGALORE	6,000	26th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
SIRDHANA	8,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan.
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#### NEW YORK via Panama

INOSHIMO MARU	Saturday, 2nd Jan.
YAKO MARU	Wednesday, 13th Jan.

#### SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU	Wednesday, 10th Feb.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM	

SUWA MARU (Calls Casablanca)	Saturday, 19th Dec.
FUSIMI MARU	Saturday, 2nd Jan.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 16th Jan.

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DUREAN MARU	Saturday, 16th Jan.
HAMBURG via P. Sudan, Alexandria & Casablanca	

ARIMA MARU	Saturday, 9th Jan.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports	

ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 26th Dec.
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 23rd Jan.

#### BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TOYAMA MARU	Monday, 28th Dec.
TOYOHARA MARU	Wednesday, 30th Dec.
TANGO MARU	Monday, 11th Jan.

#### CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

INAGATO MARU	Tuesday, 29th Dec.
TOBA MARU	Tuesday, 6th Jan.

#### SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

KITANO MARU (N'saki-direct)	Monday, 21st Dec.
YINTO MARU	Tuesday, 29th Dec.
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MONTEVIDEO & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Cape Town	Rio de Janeiro M.	Thurs., 21st Jan.

MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DARES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, ALGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Singapore & Colombo	Africa Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.
	Hawaii Maru	Mon., 1st Feb.

BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Taijin Maru	Sat., 19th Dec.
	Glasgow Maru	Thurs., 24th Dec.
	Celebes Maru	Sun., 3rd Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon	Sumatra Maru	Sun., 20th Dec.
	Himalaya Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.

JAPAN via Tokyo & Keelung	Bandoeng Maru	Thurs., 14th Jan.
JAPAN PORTS via Dairen	Havre Maru	Tues., 22nd Dec.
	Sydney Maru	Sun., 27th Dec.

KEELUNG via Swatow and Amoy	Hong Kong Maru	Sun., 20th Dec.
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#### NEW YEAR PARCEL MAIL

The New Year Parcel Mail for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office at 5 p.m. on Tuesday the 17th November per s.s. "Empress of Russia."

This mail is due to arrive at London on the 23rd December.

#### CHRISTMAS PARCEL MAIL FOR CANADA

The Christmas Parcel Mail for Canada will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office at 3 p.m. on Tuesday the 24th November per s.s. "Empress of Russia."

This mail is due to arrive at Victoria B.C. on the 12th December.

On and after the 5th December, the letter box at the Canton Steamer Wharf will be abolished. Correspondence intended to go by the night steamer to Canton after the "mail" has closed in the General Post Office at 6 p.m. must be posted at the Shengwan Post Office up to the following times—

Weekdays	9.30 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays	8.00 p.m.

#### INWARD MAILS

##### FROM EUROPE

Menestheus	Dec. 20
Bangura (via Suez)	Dec. 24

##### FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Asia	Dec. 16
Suwa Maru	Dec. 18
Asama Maru	Dec. 19
Rio de Janeiro Maru	Dec. 20
Comorin	Dec. 25
Atsuta Maru	Dec. 25

##### FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Tomshina Maru	Dec. 20
Talima	Dec. 22
Suisang	Dec. 23
Tsushima Maru	Dec. 25
Bangalore	Dec. 25
Conte Verde	Dec. 26

##### FROM SHANGHAI

Emp. of Asia	Dec. 16
Suwa Maru	Dec. 18
Asama Maru	Dec. 19
Scharnhorst	Dec. 25
Comorin	Dec. 25

##### FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia	Dec. 16
Asama Maru	Dec. 19

##### FROM MANILA

Kitano Maru	Dec. 20
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##### FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru	Dec. 20
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##### OUTWARD MAILS

##### FOR EUROPE

Antenor (via Marseilles)	Dec. 16
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways Direct Service)	Dec. 18
	Reg. 9.45 a.m.
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#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 19th December, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 14th December, 1936.

### CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED

#### THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a THIRD INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending 28th February, 1937, of two per cent., that is \$2.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on MONDAY, the 21st December, 1936, at the Company's Office at China Buildings, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 21st December, 1936.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
FUNG PING FAN,  
Director & Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 12th December, 1936.

### NOTICE

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signed:—G. A. HARRIMAN,  
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## BRIDGE NOTES

### GHOST OF THE PAST

By Ely Culbertson

In my morning's mail I received a letter from a Chinese student in Shanghai. He craved my assistance in the solution of a hand that had been given him with the challenge that he would be unable to make the stipulated contract of six spades. He was unable, he said, and would I please "help his head not to ache" by rushing the proper directions?

There was something vaguely familiar about the hand—that was so difficult (a more or less routine double-squeeze play), but I knew I had seen it before. Finally the light dawned. It was one of the sixteen original World Bridge Olympic hands made up by myself in 1932. This was it:

West dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH  
S—10 3 2  
H—J 7 2  
D—Q J 10 9 3 2  
C—Q

EAST  
S—A Q J 7 6 5  
H—A 5  
D—S  
C—K 6 5 3

SOUTH  
S—8 4  
H—Q 9 8 4 3  
D—K 5  
C—J 10 9 7

The bidding suggested in the par sheets circulated immediately after the event was:

West North East South  
1 spade Pass 3 no trump Pass  
5 spades Pass 6 spades Pass  
Pass Pass

While it cannot be denied that the correct contract was reached, it would appear that there was a grave danger, from West's point of view, that he was stopping short of a lay-down grand slam. To-day, East would need greater honour strength to bid three no trump over one spade, the modern trend being to hold a little in reserve in responses, rather than "stretch."

The play goes as follows: North opens the club queen; declarer counts his losers and sees that his only danger (assuming that the trumps do not lie five in one hand) is that clubs will not break and that two club tricks therefore, may be lost. To guard against this possibility, he prepares for a squeeze. He wins the first trick with the club king, and in order to "get a count" on the opponents' hands, begins the elimination of the diamond suit. A diamond to the ace, and a diamond ruff, followed by the lead of a spade to dummy's king, and the ruff of a third diamond discloses the fact that North originally held six diamonds (South failing to follow on the third round). The adverse trumps are drawn, dummy discarding a club, and then a club is led toward dummy. When North fails to follow, the bad news is out. Declarer must not make the mistake of winning this trick with the ace. He must duck in dummy, in order to set the stage for the necessary squeeze. South wins and, let us say, returns a club. [No other lead would change the result.] Dummy's ace wins; declarer leads to his heart ace and the situation stands:

NORTH  
S—None  
H—J 7  
D—Q  
C—None

WEST EAST  
S—J S—None  
H—5 H—K 10  
D—None D—7  
C—6 C—None

SOUTH  
S—None  
H—Q 9  
D—None  
C—10

The jack of trumps is the "coup de grace." North must keep his diamond to top dummy's seven, therefore must blank his heart jack. Dummy lets go the diamond, and now South is in the same trouble as his partner. He must keep the high club and, therefore, cannot guard the heart suit. A perfect double squeeze.

### BARNARD HOME FIRE

Seventy girls of Dr. Barnard's Village Homes, Barking, Essex, with about a dozen matrons, formed a bucket-chain and fought a fire which broke out in two sheds last month.



## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 kc's), 31.49 metres (9.52 megacycles).

### "MUSIC LIGHT AND GAY" FROM STUDIO

#### EARLY DAYS OF CRICKET

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Light Opera and Musical Comedy.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—The London Piano-Accordeon Band.

1.20 p.m.—Three Numbers by the Mills Brothers.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Light Concert Items.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—Could I believe.

Toti Dal Monte, (Soprano).

"Falstaff" (Verdi)—From Secret Caves and Bowers.

"La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—Singer in this hour.

Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (baritone).

"I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—A word allow me!

A song of tender memories.

Apollo Granforte, (baritone).

"I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Motley.

"Andrea Chénier" (Giordano)—Gazing one day into the boundless blue.

Aureliano Pertile, (Tenor).

7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.45 p.m.—Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Dawning (Cadmán).

From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmán).

I love the moon (Rubens).

7.45 p.m.—From the Studio.

The Third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by R. Abbit.

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—A Band Concert.

Flute Solo—

Fantaisie Caractéristique (Andersen).....Edith Penville.

Vocal—

When evening's twilight (Hattton), Sweet and low (Tennison—Barnby)....The Salisbury Singers.

Bands—

Steadfast and true (Telke, arr. Bidgood) Grand Massed Brass Bands.

Bands—

Minstrel Memories (arr. Rimmer), A wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (MacKenzie)....Grand Massed Brass Bands.

Vocal—

Annie Laurie (Trad., arr. Batten), Heddle Nash & Male Quartette.

Band—

Bless away—March (Holzmann), Columbia German Band.

8.30 p.m.—London—Troise and His Mandoliers, with Don Carlos.

9 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m.—From the Studio.

"Music Light and Gay."

Mary Gray (mezzo-soprano), Olga Morgan (Piano), Prue Lewis (Violin) and Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor).

10 p.m.—London—Big Ben.

10 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Reminiscences of Grieg (arr. Urbach), Suite Orientale (Poppy).

Faithful-Jumping Jack (Heykens).

Standchen (Heykens).

Columbine's rendezvous (Heykens).

Song of Paradise (King).

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close down.

## STORKS AT ETON

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Estimates based on present orders show that about \$2,500,000 worth of British toys will be sold.

One British factory alone is at the present time using 30 tons of British steel and three tons of rubber tyres every day in the production of toy motor-cars and similar products.

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### Annual Meeting Held

Laments at the departures and deaths of enthusiastic members of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society were the chief feature of the Society's annual meeting held in the Board Room of Jardine, Matheson & Co. yesterday, when Dr. G. A. C. Herliots took the chair.

Mrs. F. C. Hall was elected new President, Mr. J. T. Bagram and Mr. Andrew Tse re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively, and the following Committee appointed for the year:—Major G. M. Churcher, Lieut-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. H. Green, Mr. J. F. Grose, Dr. Herliots, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. V. H. C. Jarrett, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. J. P. Robinson, and Mr. G. N. Tinson.



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